

Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 19, 2008.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Animal Care; Survey of Licensees and Registrants.

OMB Control Number: 0579-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Laboratory Animal Welfare (AWA) (Pub. L. 89-544) enacted August 24, 1966, and amended December 24, 1970 (Pub. L. 91-579); April 22, 1976 (Pub. L. 94-279); and December 23, 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198) requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture to regulate the humane care and handling of most warm-blooded animals used for research or exhibition purposes, sold as pets or transported in commerce. A survey will be conducted of a representative sampling of all of the current licensees and registrants regarding the effectiveness of Animal Care's core business processes, including: establishing standards of care through creation and modification of regulations and policies; inspecting licensed and registered facilities to determine compliance; responding to complaints about facilities; and educating and communicating with facilities and the public. Data will be collected and analyzed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Program and Policy Development.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to show trends related to the Animal Care Program's efforts to provide quality services to its licensees and registrants. Without the information APHIS would not be able to accurately measure the enforcement of the program and still meet the provision of the Act.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 4,200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 672.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Animal Care; Educational and Outreach Efforts.

OMB Control Number: 0579-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Animal Care Program (AC), conducts inspections to administer and enforce the Animal Welfare Act and the

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Horse Protection Act and regulations issued under those Acts. AC also conducts workshops, symposia, and meetings, and other activities to educate regulated entities and the public about these Acts and regulations. AC plans to survey participants in these activities to measure the effectiveness of its outreach and educational efforts. The surveys would be distributed to attendees following workshops, symposia, meetings, and other events.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to determine whether the information was helpful and how it might be improved. AC also plans to use the information collected to assess the effectiveness of its efforts and to plan improvements to activities.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2,700.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 675.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Survey of Organizations Interested in Animal Welfare.

OMB Control Number: 0579-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Laboratory Animal Welfare (AWA) (Pub. L. 89-544) enacted August 24, 1966, and amended December 24, 1970 (Pub. L. 91-579); April 22, 1976 (Pub. L. 94-279); and December 23, 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198) requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture to regulate the humane care and handling of most warm-blooded animals used for research or exhibition purposes, sold as pets or transported in commerce. A survey will be conducted of a representative sampling of Organizations Interested in Animal Welfare regarding the effectiveness of Animal Care's core business processes, including establishing standards of care through creation and modification of regulations and policies; inspecting licensed and registered facilities; and educating and communicating with facilities and the public. Data will be collected and analyzed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Program and Policy Division.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to understand how these interested organizations rate overall program performance, and whether there are any

gaps between their expectations and management perception.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 80.

Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Pine Shoot Beetle Host Material from Canada.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0257.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701–7772), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of plants and plant pests to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) have established restrictions on the importation of pine shoot beetle host material into the United States from Canada. Pine shoot beetle (PSB) is a pest of pine trees. It can cause damage in weak and dying trees where reproductive and immature stages of PSB occur, and in the new growth of healthy trees. PSB can damage urban ornamental trees and can cause economic losses to the timber, Christmas trees, and nursery industries.

Need and Use of the Information:

APHIS will collect the information using Compliance Agreements, Written Statements, and Canadian Phytosanitary Certificates to protect the United States from the introduction of pine shoot beetle and other plant diseases.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 2,340.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 94.

Ruth Brown,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 20, 2008.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments

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Forest Service

Title: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Study.

OMB Control Number: 0596-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Wilderness Act of 1964 directs that the National Wilderness Preservation System be managed to protect natural wilderness conditions and to provide outstanding opportunities for the public to find solitude or primitive and unconfined types of recreational experiences. To help meet Federal agencies' mandates related to recreation, scientists at the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute periodically monitor and report to managers and the public, visitor use and user characteristics and visitor feedback on management actions on federal lands, including National Wildlife Refuges.

Need and Use of the Information:

This study will only ask recreation visitors questions about their recreation

visit, their personal demographics relevant to education and service provision, and factors that have influenced or are likely to influence their recreation visits. Agency personnel will use the collected information to ensure that visitors' recreational activities do not harm the natural resources of the refuge and that wilderness-type recreation experiences are protected. The information it provides will also be used to inform the Refuge's upcoming Comprehensive Conservation Plan revision and in the development of its Wilderness Stewardship and Public Use Management Plans.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 140.

Charlene Parker,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Commodity Credit Corporation

Information Collection: Long Term Contracting System (LTCS)

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency and Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Farm Service Agency and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) at Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) are seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension with revision of a currently approved information collection associated with the Long Term Contracting System. This collection is necessary for the procurement of agricultural commodities by KCCO for domestic feeding programs. Vendors bidding on long-term invitations complete and submit their offers on-line through the Long Term Contracting System (LTCS), which records the system date/time that the offer was submitted and ensures that the data remains secured within the system until bid opening time.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 27, 2008 to be assured consideration.